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SUBJECT

Grant of Financial Assistance to evacuees from Burma & the Far East.

M. Krishna
J. 26.5.44

W 9-43

Procedure where evacuees are found to have large sums of money in their possession & procedure for recovery of outstanding debts in the case of evacuees who have obtained employment.

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Ltr No F 17(1A)-42/W(4) dt 6.5.44 from the Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident forwg for information a copy the Home Dept. Memorandum dt 16.4.42, & Dept of Indians Overseas' letter dt 28.3.44 on the subject.

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Subd with a draft letter to the D.Cs of Dists for appl or other orders.

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Dated Bangalore, the 6th May 1944.

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Copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore,

for information.

By order, etc.,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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1. Memorandum from the Government of India, Home Department, No.4/6/42-Poll (EVN), dated the 16th April 1942.

2. Letter from the Government of India, Department of Indians Overseas, No.4/24/43-Poll (Evn.), dated the 28th March 1944.

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Copy of memorandum from the Government of India Home Department, No.4/6/42-Poll(Evn), dated the 16th April 1942.

Procedure where Evacuees are found to have sums of money in their possession and procedure for recovery of outstanding debts in the case of Evacuees who have obtained employment.

I am directed to forward for your perusal copy of a memorandum covering the two subjects noted above and to request your co-operation in putting these arrangements into practice.

Copy of Memorandum No.4/6/42- Poll(EVN), from the Government of India, Home Department.

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2. The Government of India further desire that steps should now be taken with the object of recovering outstanding debts from Evacuees who have obtained suitable employment. When an Evacuee leaves a Camp to take up employment, the Commandant should send up a statement of account together with the undertaking in original to the Provincial Government, who will then obtain the certificate of expense from the authority specified in the undertaking in original to the Provincial Government, who will then obtain the certificate of experse from the authority specified in the undertaking and send it to the Collector (or Deputy Commissioner) of the District in which the Evacuee is employed, for attempting to recover the amount in suitable instalments. The Collector should issue ~~the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a formal demand on behalf of the Governor General in Council to the Evacuee and, if possible, try to get it from him in writing that he agrees to a certain sum being deducted every month from his salary by his employer (whether Government or a private person) and remitted to the Central Government till the debt is wiped out. If the Evacuee refuses without sufficient justification to ~~xxx~~ give any such agreement in writing the Collector should arrange for ~~xx~~ the institution of a civil suit against the Evacuee in the name of the Governor General in Council.

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Copy of letter from the Government of India, Department of Indians Overseas, No.4/24/43-Poll (EVN), dated the 28th March 1944.

With reference to the Government of India, Home Department's circular letter No.4/6/42-Poll(Evn), of the 16th April 1944, on the subject of procedure where evacuees are found to have sums of money in their possession, I am directed to request that paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Memorandum attached to the letter under reference may be considered as cancelled and the following substituted for paragraph 1:-

1. It has come to the notice of the Government of India that a number of evacuees have been found to have considerable sums of ~~money~~ money in their possession. There is no justification for giving assistance to persons who are in a position to contribute in part or whole to the money expended on them, even though such persons have signed an undertaking to reimburse these sums at some future date.

It has therefore been decided that every evacuee should be called upon to declare ~~that~~ what money is in his or her possession or control in India, and, where the sum declared to be in the possession or control is ~~deemed~~ sufficient, advances should not be granted till, it is found that private funds are no longer adequate for the evacuee's expenses. In order, however, to permit evacuees who have some capital to retain a portion of it for re-establishing themselves on ~~returning~~ returning to their homes after the war, it has further been decided that the possession of a sum not exceeding the equivalent of twentyfour months' allowance at the rate to which the evacuee would be entitled under the scales for ssistance applicable on the basis of pre-evacuation income, shall not render them ineligible for assistance. Moreover, Provincial Governments may at their own discretion waive even this limit of twentyfour months' income on humanitarian grounds in cases of special hardship, e.g., of female evacuees without available male support, or evacuees who have reached the age of 55

years

years and are unable to be employed or in cases of invalids who need special medical attention. The instances are merely illustrative.

In cases where there are reasonable grounds for believing that an evacuee has made a false declaration as to the amount of money in his or her possession or control in India, a notice may be issued to the evacuee to show cause why he or she should not be prosecuted for cheating. It is hoped that, if this procedure is followed, evacuees will disclose the amount of money in their possession or control and also repay advances they have obtained under false pretences. It is not, however, desirable that wholesale prosecutions should be lodged, since the cost and inconvenience involved for all concerned may not be commensurate with the resulting recoveries.

To meet a query which has been raised from time to time, it may be explained that there is no statutory authority to compel a relative to support an evacuee and that, though moral pressure is justifiable in such cases, funds belonging to a relative cannot be considered as necessarily at the evacuee's disposal.

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SUBJECT... Procedure where evacuees are found to have Sums of money in their possession & procedure for recovery of outstanding debts in the case of evacuees who have obtained employment.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 2668/W

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The D. Cs of Dists.

Date of issue 22nd May 44

Sir,

Signed by M.S.H.V. pp VVM

I am directed to forward herewith for information & necessary action a copy of the marginally noted papers on the above subject since received from the Resy.

× 1. Memorandum from the Govt of India, Home Dept., No. 4/6/42-Poll (EVN), dt 16.4.42.

2. Letter from the Govt of India, Dept. of Indians Overseas, No. 4/24/43-Poll (EVN), dt 28.3.44.

I have etc.,

for Chief Secy to Govt.

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